



## MUNICIPAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

February 8, 2010

### MINUTES

#### I. **CALL TO ORDER 4:00 PM, CONFERENCE ROOM NO. 3**

Chairman Bill Pelozo called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. in Conference Room 3, located on the second floor of Auburn City Hall, 25 West Main Street, Auburn, WA. Members present: Chair Bill Pelozo, Vice Chair Sue Singer, Member John Partridge. Staff present: Mayor Pete Lewis, Council Member Virginia Haugen, Chief of Police Jim Kelly, Assistant Chief of Police Larry Miller, Finance Director Shelley Coleman, Parks, Arts & Recreation Director Daryl Faber, Solid Waste & Recycling Coordinator Joan Clark, Utilities & Accounting Manager Rhonda Ewing, Assistant City Attorney Steve Gross, Risk Manager Rob Roscoe, Police Secretary/Scribe Kathy Emmert. Others present: Auburn Reporter representative Robert Whale, citizen Wayne Osborne, citizen Nick Perius representing Valley Town.

#### II. **AGENDA MODIFICATIONS**

#### III. **CONSENT ITEMS**

##### A. **Approval of Minutes of the January 25, 2010 Municipal Services Committee Meeting**

Member Partridge moved that the Minutes be approved. Vice Chair Singer seconded. Chair Pelozo concurred.

MOTION CARRIED 3:0

#### IV. **ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS (Action Items)**

##### A. **Resolution No. 4564\* (Coleman)**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington authorizing the acceptance and appropriation of grant funds in the amount of Thirty Four Thousand and Five Hundred Twenty Dollars (\$34,520.00), and authorizing the Mayor and City Clerk to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the Department of Ecology and the City of Auburn to accept said funds for implementation of the 2010-2011 Coordinated Prevention Grant Program

Vice Chair Singer moved to approve this Resolution and forward to the full Council for approval. Member Partridge seconded. Chair Pelozo concurred.

MOTION CARRIED: 3:0

**V. INFORMATION / DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**A. Ordinance No. 6293\* (Coleman)**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington pledging the City's full faith and credit toward the payment of it's share of the debt service on refunding bonds to be issued by the Valley Communications Center Development Authority and approving certain matters related thereto

The Committee supports Ordinance No. 6293.

**B. Ordinance No. 6294\* (Coleman)**

An Ordinance of the City Council of the city of Auburn, Washington amending Sections 3.04.600 of the Auburn City Code relating to funds

The Committee supports Ordinance No. 6294.

**C. Resolution No. 4561 Sales Tax Credit\* (Coleman)**

A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Auburn, Washington, authorizing the City of Auburn to impose a sales and use tax as authorized by RCW 82.14.415 as a credit against state sales and use tax, relating to annexations

The Committee supports Resolution No. 4561.

**D. Solid Waste Collection in the Pierce County Portion of Auburn\* (Coleman)**

The Committee reviewed the information presented by Director Coleman and Solid Waste and Recycling Coordinator Joan Clark. The Committee supports Option A as the appropriate response at this time.

**E. 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to REPSA\* (Heineman)**

Risk Manager Roscoe presented this 7<sup>th</sup> amendment to the agreement with the Auburn Regional Medical Center related to the newly constructed parking lot.

**F. False Alarm Ordinance\* (Kelly)**

Assistant Police Chief Larry Miller provided the following highlights of the City's False Alarm Ordinance:

- The City adopted a false alarm ordinance in January 2009 that was implemented July 1, 2009. There was an education period for both alarm companies and citizens. The impact to date is favorable with an anticipated further decrease in the number of false alarms being responded to by Police Officers.

- During the last half of 2009, there is a 12.3% decrease in false alarm responses. Since 2008, there is an 18.4% decrease in false alarm responses.
- There are 52 registered alarm companies installing and/or monitoring alarm systems in Auburn and an additional 45 in the area.
- Total false alarms by percentage since July 1, 2009:

Commercial	56.29%
Residential	36.26%
Other	7.00%
- During 2009 there were 15 appeals of which 11 were approved and 4 declined.

#### **G. Vehicle Towing\* (Kelly)**

The Committee asked for clarification of the tow companies doing business in Auburn, specifically related to the location of their impound lots. By Ordinance tow companies need to have an impound location within 5 miles of the city limits. The 6 companies currently in the Police Department rotation for towing services all have lots in compliance with the Ordinance having impound lots within the city limits. Additional topics will be researched by Legal and Finance.

#### **H. Matrix\***

**Item 7P** – The information related to the restaurant at the golf course was presented by Finance Director Shelley Coleman.

**Item 10P** – Red Light Photo Enforcement statistics were presented as follows: Violations from red light cameras at all approaches are down 28% (1312 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 to 945 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009).

Violations from School Speed Zones are up 96% (1693 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 to 3327 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009). This substantial increase is due to the new cameras at Arthur Jacobsen and Leah Hill Elementary Schools. Although not activated until September 2009, we were in a "grace" period until October 1 and violations were documented.

Overall photo enforcement violations (red light and speed) are up 42% from 3005 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2008 to 4272 in the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter 2009.

New enforcement locations for red light photo enforcement will be reviewed with the City of Auburn traffic engineers based on collision data. If the data supports a public safety concern, the intersection will then be surveyed by RedFlex to determine if the intersection will support installation of cameras. New school zones will also be surveyed by RedFlex. Evaluation continues on other projects are on hold as the redesign of some intersections may drop violations to a level that may not be cost effective for RedFlex.

**Item 3I** – Director Faber presented updated information related to the operation of the golf course for the last quarter. Goals for 2010 season were presented.

**VI. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Submitted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February 2010.

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Bill Pelozza, Chair

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Kathy Emmert, Police Secretary/Scribe